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In re Application of: : **DECISION ON PETITION**  
Franklin Grosvenor : **REGARDING REQUEST TO**  
Application No. 09/846,134 : **WITHDRAW FINALITY**  
Filed: April 30, 2001 : **UNDER 37 CFR 1.181**  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS PROVIDING  
A SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM  
USEFUL IN OUTSOURCED MANUFACTURING

This is in response to the petition filed on March 21, 2007 under 37 CFR 1.181 requesting the withdrawal of the finality of the restriction requirement mailed April 27, 2005.


Applicants allege that the Final rejection mailed April 27, 2005 does not present any serious burden on the Examiner. Applicants further asserted that the first Office Action makes no attempt to present any substantive rationale as required by MPEP 816, or under the outline provided in MPEP 817.

A review of the record reveals that since the filing of the petition, an Issue Fee has been paid, and the application is now a patent.

Therefore since Applicants paid the Issue Fee and the application is now a patent, Applicants' arguments are considered moot.

The petition is **DISMISSED** as moot.

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